



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls for investigation into Tzaneen shack project**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) that represents thousands of public servants in Limpopo is shocked by “housing” project that was recently launched by the Limpopo Government, in Talana Hostel in Tzaneen.

The province launched the R2.4 million project that is an insult as people will receive shacks rather than decent housing. The PSA also questions the cost of these shacks. A two-roomed shack costs an exorbitant R60 000, as its cost some R10 000 to erect a three-bedroom shack with windows in townships and rural areas. This project amounts to robbery and warrants urgent investigation.

Wasteful expenditure, however, seems to be the order of the day for the Limpopo government with no consequence management. The admission by the Premier’s Office that it was aware of the type of structures that the province funded, suggests that the Premier does not know what is happening in his own Office. The admission does not promote confidence in his leadership, coupled with allegations of corruption, abuse of power, and that incompetence never receives attention from the Office. It defies logic that the Premier can be invited to open the project, that he was not briefed on.

The PSA is, however, not convinced that the Premier was not aware that he was going to launch shacks. The urgent meeting with MECs to get to the bottom of the matter, is regarded as a futile exercise in public relations as the embarrassment and waste of money cannot be reversed. The PSA previously warned the Premier that his failure to act decisively against corruption, creates fertile ground criminals who has no regard for even the poor. The Premier must urgently restore public confidence and act decisively to hold accountable those who wasted taxpayers’ money.

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